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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF SHAKERTOWN AT SOUTH UNION
JANUARY 1991

SHAKERTOWN AT SOUTH UNION MEETS THE BINGHAM CHALLENGE!!!

Shakertown at South Union has recently raised \$51,000 as part of a challenge grant initiated by Mrs. Barry Bingham, Jr. In August of 1990 Mrs. Bingham challenged Shakertown's board of directors to raise \$30,000 in sixty days, whereby, if the board met the deadline, she would donate a \$15,000 sum that she had raised. Shakertown not only met but exceeded its goal and Mrs. Bingham added to her match, raising a grand total of \$51,000.

Major contributors included the James Graham Brown Foundation, the Hospital Corporation of America Foundation, the Humana Foundation, and the Helm Foundation. Support was also received from the Friends of Shakertown at South Union, the Berkshire Shaker Seminar, and many others. Funds from the Edie Bingham Challenge will be used in 1991-1992 for building maintenance/restoration, increased museum staffing, and marketing. A complete list of contributors is printed on page 2.

MAINTENANCE/RESTORATION ON THE 1824 CENTRE DWELLING

Because of the funds raised through the Edie Bingham Challenge, we were able to begin a major maintenance/restoration project in the Centre House this winter. At this time seven rooms of the forty-two room structure have been restored to their original appearance by repairing plaster, cleaning original woodwork, removing all electrical conduit, and painting. The result has been phenomenal and 1991 visitors to the museum will see tremendous change.

MUSEUM RECEIVES M.A.P. GRANT

The South Union Shaker Museum recently received a Museum Assessment Program grant from the Institute of Museum Services. The grant will pay for a museum professional from a larger institution to assess the strengths and weaknesses of our museum. The M.A.P. grant is an excellent way to gain a new perspective about an existing museum and to obtain advice on improvement and development of a site.

DONATIONS TO THE EDIE BINGHAM CHALLENGE

Donations of \$5,000-\$10,000: James Graham Brown Foundation
Mary Elizabeth Stevenson

Donations of \$1,000-\$4,999: Humana Foundation
H.C.A. Foundation
Helm Foundation (in honor of Miss Margie Helm)
Deedy Hall
Julia Neal
Harry C. Peart
Margaret Sloss

Donations of \$500-\$999: Capital Holding Corporation
Chase Manhattan Bank
Auburn Banking Company
Citizen's National Bank, Bowling Green
Morgantown Bank and Trust
O. Edward Freeman
James Monroe Hall III
Col. and Mrs. Robert E. Spiller

Donations of \$100-\$499: Liberty National Bank, Louisville
Houchens Foundation
Southern Deposit Bank, Russellville
Mary T. Blakey
Larry and Ruth Owrey
Evadine Parker
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ray
Mark O. Iverson
First Federal, Bowling Green
First Federal, Russellville
Simpson County Bank
Martha Boice
David Hall
Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Hess
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Price
Mr. and Mrs. William D. Price
Virginia Price
Margaret McQueen
Dale Spencer
Mary B. Camp

Donations to \$99:

Martha Reardon, Rick K. Scheffel, Jane Gottschalk, Richard and Rachel Schmied, Mary S. McAuley, George Kohrman, Victoria Leyton, Ronald and Colleen Jones, Ann Early Sutherland, Jacquelyn Watson, Jean Hudson, Stephen paterwic, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hines, Sr., Dean and Earlene Watkins, Auburn Antique Mall, Rose Mary Lawson, Dale Covington, Ruth Von Euw, John R. Watkins, Joyce Niles, Joseph and Dorothy Jones, Paul and Diana Van Kolken, Barbara Ackerman, Elain Disch, Daniel Eastman, Virginia Hurst, Stanley Ciantarano, Margaret McGee, Nancy Waller, Nancy Hillenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hughes

Mrs. Bingham's match was made by the following: Mrs. Barry Bingham, Sr., Mrs. W.L. Lyons Brown, Mrs. Barry Bingham, Jr.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

June 1895 issue of "The Manifesto," a collection of Meakin ironstone and bone-handled flatware.....
.....donated by Jeanne Weaver, Morgantown, Indiana .

Book club edition of "The Believers" by Janice Holt Giles,
.....donated by Mrs. John W. Beasley, Bowling Green.

Original broadside advertising the 1922 Shaker land sale, including names of those who purchased property and what they paid per acre.....
.....donated by Tommy Hayes, Auburn, Kentucky.

Wooden jewel box made at Sabbathday Lake, Maine and February 1872 issue of "The Shaker".....
.....donated by Sheldon and Brenda Baugh, Russellville.

Four folding tables to be used for special events.....
.....donated by John and Linda Tanner, Madison, Tenn.

South Union candlestand, cherry, ca. 1840, purchased from the South Union Shakers by Mrs. W.S. Hall, ca. 1920.....
.....donated by Mrs. Margaret McQueen, Bowling Green.

SHAKERTOWN AT SOUTH UNION RECEIVES KENTUCKY BICENTENNIAL GRANT

Shakertown at South Union recently received a grant in the amount of five thousand dollars from the Kentucky Bicentennial Commission. The funds will be used to complete the restoration of the 1834 Smoke and Milk House or "preservatory." The Shakertown organization must match the state grant with the sum of ten thousand dollars, an amount we are hoping to raise from this year's gala in April.

The restoration project which is currently in progress with the aid of a grant from the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation will continue throughout 1991. The building will be opened to the public officially in spring of 1992 as part of our state's bicentennial celebration. Restoration of the Smoke and Milk House began in 1987 and has been funded annually by Weyerhaeuser since that time.

MORE RECENT ACQUISITIONS

A copy of "The Shaker Spiritual" by Daniel Patterson...
.....donated by Julia Neal, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

A copy of "The Book of Shaker Furniture" by John Kassay.....
.....donated by Harvey and Jean Vincent, Lakeland, Mich.

Four drawer filing cabinet.....
.....donated by Cora Jane Spiller, Oakland, Kentucky.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Christine Ammeian, Los Angeles, California
Mary T. Blakey, Louisville, Kentucky
Mary F. Burt, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Skip and Christy Cleavinger, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Lloyd and Libby Davies, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Robert L. George, Cleveland, Tennessee
Mrs. Ray Gail, Laguna Hills, California
Mr. and Mrs. William F. Holt, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Mary Kuchenbrod, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Tony Mack, Los Angeles, California
Barbara McCallum, Mequon, Wisconsin
Ray and Judy McCaskey, Palatine, Illinois
Allene S. Phy-Olsen, Clarksville, Tennessee
Sally Ann Strickler, Auburn, Kentucky
Ann Early Sutherland, Bardstown, Kentucky
W. Samuel Terry, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Jane Walton, Nantucket, Massachusetts
Mrs. Robert Weixler, Louisville, Kentucky
Dr.'s Edmund and Patricia Wilkins, Bowling Green, Kentucky

DO YOU REMEMBER THE 400 CLUB?

In 1983 the "400 Club" was established to raise funds for the restoration of the Shaker Tavern. For the past seven years Shakertown board member Bess Martin has been the driving force behind the project and is still continuing to raise money for Tavern restoration. Membership in the 400 Club costs \$100 and entitles the doner to an engraved nameplate mounted on the Club plaque in the entry hall of the Shaker Tavern. New members to the 400 Club include:

Mrs. Carl Page, Russellville, Kentucky
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mudge, Russellville, Kentucky
Margaret McQueen, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hindman, Russellville, Kentucky
Senator Mitch McConnell, Washington D.C.
John Turner, Auburn, Kentucky (in memory of his parents)
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Chyle, Auburn, Kentucky
Carroll and Sue Browning, Auburn, Kentucky
Jimmy Hughes, Auburn, Kentucky
Art, Sue Carol and Carroll Browning McPherson, Auburn, Kentucky
Claradelle Hughes Rogers, Auburn, Kentucky
Thomas Earl Hughes, Auburn, Kentucky
Mr. and Mrs. James Monroe Hall III, Paris, Illinois
Thomas C. Hines, Jr., Woodbury, Kentucky

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE SOUTH UNION SEMINAR

The 4th annual South Union Seminar will feature two excellent papers, "Shaker Women in the West," presented by Rosemary Lawson of Dayton, Ohio, and "Black Shakers," presented by Kit Cress of Mansfield, Ohio. Both presenters have spent hundreds of hours researching Shakerism in the West and are active with a variety of projects dealing with the preservation of the Shaker heritage. The papers should be informative as well as entertaining so you won't want to miss them.

Other activities of the day will include a tour of the privately-owned 1846 Ministry's Shop, an exhibit of Shaker textiles from the South Union collection, and a Shaker luncheon served in the Centre House dining room. For reservations call the museum office: (502) 542-4167.

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

What a wonderful winter we are having! Instead of a quiet season of planning and working with exhibits, restoration work is keeping the Centre House alive with activity. The rooms and hallways are being transformed to such an extent that I am extremely anxious for each of you to see the improvements. I hope you will plan to visit during the 1991 season.

Tim Rieman and Jean Burks were here several weeks ago making photographs for a new book they are writing about Shaker furniture. They spent about three days with the South Union collection and will, hopefully, be publishing pieces of our furniture never photographed before. I enjoyed the time they were here and relished the opportunity to talk "Shaker" with two knowledgeable folks.

I hope each of you will attend as many of our 1991 events as possible. I am really excited about having Rosemary Lawson and Kit Cress here in May for our seminar and Ruth and Larry Owrey back again this year to give two more box/basket workshops. We are hoping to attract a large number of visitors to the new Sunday afternoon "Shaker Topics" lecture series. I can promise that you will enjoy hearing from Dianne Watkins and Sheldon Baugh. Finally, two of our biggest events are fast approaching, beginning with the 1991 gala, "A Celebration of Shakertown." All members will, of course, receive invitations. The Summer Shaker Festival will take place in June with many new surprises that you will hear more about in the next newsletter.

I want to say just a word or two about the newest addition to our furniture collection. The South Union candlestand donated by Margaret McQueen is one of the finest pieces in our collection. A flawless example of Shaker craftsmanship, the candlestand was purchased by the grandmother of Mrs. McQueen around 1920. A generous gesture on the part of a tireless supporter, the candlestand will be enjoyed by visitors to the museum for years to come.

Tommy Finer

SHAKERTOWN AT SOUTH UNION
1991 Calendar of Events

- March 8-9 OVAL BOX/SHAKER BASKET WORKSHOP
A two-day workshop where you learn to make either a nest of six oval boxes or two miniature Shaker baskets. Reservations required. \$60 per person.
- April 20 "A CELEBRATION OF SHAKERTOWN"
Our annual gala fundraising event. Black-tie optional. By invitation.
- April 27-28 BROOM-MAKING DEMONSTRATION
- May 5 SHAKER TOPICS
A Sunday afternoon lecture series beginning with "South Union Furniture: Where East Meets West," presented by Tommy Hines, museum director. No reservations required. Free admission to museum. 2:00pm-3:00pm.
- May 18 SOUTH UNION SEMINAR
Our annual Shaker seminar includes papers on Shaker women and the black Shakers at South Union. Also a tour of the 1846 Ministry's Shop, a South Union textile exhibit, and a Shaker luncheon. Reservations required. \$15 members. \$17.50 non-members. 10:00am.
- June 22-23, 29-30 SUMMER SHAKER FESTIVAL
Two weekends of Shaker foods, music, and crafts. No reservations required. 10:00am-5:00pm. \$3.00 adults. \$1 children.
- July 14 SHAKER TOPICS
"Harvey L. Eads: Lifetime Believer," presented by Dianne Watkins, education curator, Kentucky. No reservations required. Free. 2:00pm-3:00pm.
- July 20-21 BROOM-MAKING DEMONSTRATION
- August 10-11 BROOM-MAKING DEMONSTRATION
- August 16-17 OVAL BOX/SHAKER BASKET WORKSHOP
A two-day workshop where you learn to make either a nest of oval boxes or a miniature Shaker cathead basket. Reservations required. \$60 per person.
- August 31-Sept. 2 BROOM-MAKING DEMONSTRATION
- September 14 WALKING TOUR AND LUNCHEON
An annual walk to a point of interest at the South Union site, followed by a Shaker luncheon. Reservations required. \$13 members. \$15 non-member.

- September 29 SHAKER TOPICS
"The ABC's of Shaker: Illustrated Look at the Garden and Medicinal Herb Industry of the Shakers Through the Use of Almanacs, Bottles, and Cards." presented by Sheldon Baugh, Shaker researcher and collector. No reservations required. Free admission. 2:00pm-3:00 pm.
- October 12 FALL CANDLELIGHT TOUR
An evening of living history in the 1824 Centre Dwelling House by candlelight. Shaker music performances. No reservations required. \$2 adults. \$1 children. 7:00pm.
- October 19-20 BROOM-MAKING DEMONSTRATION
- November 16 A SHAKER BREAKFAST
An historic South Union menu served in the 1824 Centre Dwelling dining room. Reservations required. \$13 members. \$15 non-members. 10:00am-11:30am.
- December 7-8 CHRISTMAS AT SHAKERTOWN
An open-house celebrations with period decorations, music and refreshments and booths of fine crafts and antiques. Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm. Sunday 1:00pm-4:00pm. No admission fee.

All events are held at the South Union Shaker Museum on Hwy. 68 South Union, Kentucky. The museum is open for tours April 1-November 1, daily 9:00am-5:00pm and Sundays 1:00pm-5:00pm. For more information write Shakertown at South Union, Kentucky 42283 or call (502) 542-4167.

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